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Identification of Irrigation Projects

6306. SHRI G. M. C. BALAYOGI:
DR. VASANT PAWAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to identify more irrigation projects of national importance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Project satisfying the following criteria can be considered a projects of national importance:–

(i) International projects with potential of 1 lakh ha. and above.

(ii) Inter-State projects with potential of 1 lakh ha. and above.

(iii) Project having international aspects.

(iv) Projects having inter-State aspects.

(v) Project of National Importance from other angles.

Thermal Power Station in Mysore

6307. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work was completed for setting up of a thermal power station at Singer Maranahalli in H. D. Kote Taluk in Mysore District;

(b) if so, the time by which the work on this project is likely to start;

(c) the power proposed to be generated in the said station; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The project Feasibility Report for installation of 1x500 MW Thermal Power Station in State-I at Chamalapura village in Mysore District of Karnataka was received from the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited in the Central Electricity Authority in December, 1991 for techno-economic clearance. The proposed site is near to Singanamarna Halli village and is about 8 Km. from Mysore-Heggadadevana Kote Road.

The work on the project could commerce only after the project has been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority and investment approval by the Planning Commission.

The project could be completed after 60 months from the date of award of contract for the main plant and equipment.

Performance of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited

6308. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadravati was taken over by the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the losses suffered by it during each of the last three years and reasons therefor; and

(c) the growth in production during 1991-92 and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to set up a captive power plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited (VISL) was taken by Steel Authority of India Limited with effect from 01.08.1989.

(b) and (c). The production and financial performance of the Company for the last three years and upto February, 1992 of 1991-92 is as under:

(Unit in tonnes)

Year	*Alloy & Special Steel*	*Mild Steel*	*Ferro Silicon*	*Profit (+)/ Loss (-) (Rs. in crores)*
1988-89	40,749	117	10,912	(-) 26.22
1989-90	56,049	9,475	11,383	(-) 2.80
1990-91	58,829	15,874	15,044	(-) 1.30
1991-92 (upto February, 1992)	43.914	32,482	15,419	(-) 4.02

The reasons for adverse working results are surplus manpower, high rate of power tariff and obsolete technology.

At present Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited is examining various alternatives, including setting up of a captive power plant and tapping of power by participating in Karnataka State's projects, to augment power availability at Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

Amount spent on Eatables in Indian Airlines Flights

6309. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleases to state:

(a) the amount spent on chocolates, snacks, lunched and dinners supplied to passengers of the Indian Airlines from January to December, 1991;

(b) whether on account of security reasons there is any proposal to discontinue the supply of food in the flights:

(c) if so, when it is likely to become effective;

(d) whether it will have any impact on air fare; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines spent Rs. 21 crores (approximately) on food services to passengers during January, 1991 to December, 1991.